

October 01, 2024

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ROANOKE DIVISION**

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KING CEDRIC OMAR SNEAD,

Plaintiff,

V.

COVINGTON VA, ET AL.

Defendants.

Case No. 7:24CV00252

OPINION

JUDGE JAMES P. JONES

King Cedric Omar Snead, Pro Se Plaintiff.

The plaintiff, King Cedric Omar Snead, proceeding pro se, filed this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, alleging that public entities violated his constitutional rights. Although Snead's Complaint provided a mailing address where the court could send orders, the court's initial order in the case, ECF No. 7, was returned as undeliverable at the stated address. It is axiomatic that the court must have an address by which to communicate reliably with the parties. As some time has passed with no further communication from the plaintiff in this case, I conclude that he is no longer interested in pursuing this civil action. Therefore, I will dismiss the action without prejudice for failure to prosecute. *See Ballard v. Carlson*, 882 F.2d 93, 96 (4th Cir. 1989) (stating pro se litigants are subject to time requirements and respect for court orders and dismissal is an appropriate sanction

for non-compliance); *Donnelly v. Johns-Manville Sales Corp.*, 677 F.2d 339, 340-41 (3d Cir. 1982) (recognizing a district court may sua sponte dismiss an action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b)).

An appropriate Order will issue herewith.

DATED: October 1, 2024

/s/ JAMES P. JONES
Senior United States District Judge